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Immigration and Asylum

Scottish Parliament Written Answer

Migration Advisory Committee

Alexander Burnett (Conservative) [S6W-09731] To ask the Scottish Government what roles it has suggested or requested that the Migration Advisory Committee add to the Shortage Occupation List, and when any such suggestions or requests were made.

Reply from Neil Gray: Scottish Ministers cannot commission the Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) to consider changes to the Shortage Occupation List (SOL).

The Scottish Government responded to recent reviews of the SOL with detailed evidence on labour market shortages and how the SOL could more suitably meet

Scotland's distinct needs. We also provided evidence calling for the permanent addition of social care roles to the SOL with key roles subsequently added to the List as per the MAC's recommendation.

Scotland has distinct population challenges, the January NRS population projections reinforce the need for a migration policy tailored to our needs. We remain dependant on a UK Government immigration system that fails to address Scotland's distinct demographic, labour market and economic challenges. We need a responsive system that allows us to decide how to accommodate our distinct labour market needs.

Given the changes to the UK immigration system, the role of the SOL must be reviewed so that there is clarity as to its purpose and benefits. The Scottish Government must also be given a formal role in determining occupational shortages in Scotland.

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/written-questions-and-answers/question?ref=S6W-09731>

UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answers: Rwanda Refugee Policy

The following four questions all received the same answer

Asylum: Rwanda

Caroline Lucas (Green) [34881] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether reports made by the Monitoring Committee set out in the Memorandum of Understanding between the UK and Rwanda for the provision of an asylum partnership will be laid before the House of Commons; and what the (a) frequency and (b) purpose of those reports will be.

Caroline Lucas (Green) [34882] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the Monitoring Committee set out in the Memorandum of Understanding between the UK and Rwanda for the provision of an asylum partnership will have representatives with experience of applying for asylum in (a) the UK and (b) Rwanda as part of its membership.

Caroline Lucas (Green) [34883] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, which (a) individuals and (b) organisations her Department has contacted to form the Monitoring Committee set out in the Memorandum of Understanding between the UK and Rwanda for the provision of an asylum partnership.

Caroline Lucas (Green) [34884] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the Monitoring Committee set out in the Memorandum of Understanding between the UK and Rwanda for the provision of an asylum partnership will be able to intervene in individual cases.

Reply from Simon Baynes: An independent Monitoring Committee for the Migration and Economic Development Partnership will monitor the entire relocation process and compliance with assurances in the Memorandum of Understanding, including the processing of asylum claims and provision of support in Rwanda.

The terms of reference of the Monitoring Committee for the Migration and Economic Development Partnership have been agreed and will set out how the Monitoring Committee will report its findings. The Monitoring Committee is due to become established over the next few weeks and the membership is in the process of being agreed. More details on this will be set out in due course.

As set out in paragraph 15 of the Memorandum of Understanding, the Monitoring Committee will monitor the entire relocation process, and the conditions it will report on will include pre-screening process, reception conditions, accommodation,

processing of asylum claims and treatment and support of individuals at all times. The Monitoring Committee will have unfettered access for the purposes of completing assessments and reports.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-12/34881>

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<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-12/34882>

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<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-12/34883>

and

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-12/34884>

The Memorandum of Understanding referred to above can be read at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/memorandum-of-understanding-mou-between-the-uk-and-rwanda/memorandum-of-understanding-between-the-government-of-the-united-kingdom-of-great-britain-and-northern-ireland-and-the-government-of-the-republic-of-r>

Asylum: Rwanda

Drew Hendry (SNP) [30051] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the potential risks for individuals applying for UK refugee status who are transferred to Rwanda under the Migration and Economic Development Partnership of (a) arbitrary detention by Rwandan security services and (b) forced recruitment into either non-state actor or state actor armed organisations; and if she will make an assessment of the potential implications for her policies of that matter.

Reply from Simon Baynes: People who are relocated to Rwanda under the Migration and Economic Development will not be detained. Rwanda will process their asylum claims in accordance with national and international human rights laws, and will ensure their protection from inhuman and degrading treatment or being returned to the place they originally fled.

Rwanda is a safe country with a track record of providing opportunities for refugees. Those relocated will be given all the support they need, with accommodation, food, healthcare, and help to integrate into the local community. They will be free to come and go.

This Partnership will be underpinned by a monitoring system put in place to ensure that the scheme is successfully relocating people to Rwanda to rebuild their lives and their welfare needs are being adequately addressed.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-04/30051>

UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answer: Channel Migrants

Undocumented Migrants: English Channel

Stephen Kinnock (Labour) [32958] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what information her Department holds on the number of (a) attempted and (b) successful cross-channel journeys by migrants in small boats in each of the last five years.

Reply from Simon Baynes: The Home Office publishes data on small boat arrivals in the quarterly migration statistics release on

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/irregular-migration-to-the-uk-year-ending-march-2022>

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-08/32958>

UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answers: Afghanistan

Afghanistan: Refugees

Tobias Ellwood (Conservative) [38543] To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what steps his Department is taking to progress the delivery of the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy.

Reply from James Heapey: The Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy (ARAP) is one of the most generous relocation programmes in the world, and to date we have relocated more than 10,100 eligible individuals and their families to safety in the UK under ARAP.

We have received a very high number of ARAP applications, the vast majority of which are from individuals who are not eligible. However, we continue to be focused on identifying those who are eligible and in need of our support and will be increasing the resources dedicated to this.

We continue to work closely with other Government Departments and international partners to support moves of eligible persons out of Afghanistan and on to the UK. The Ministry of Defence also continues to work with our colleagues across Government to make sure that the Afghans arriving in the UK who have served alongside our Armed Forces over the last twenty years, are given the warmest of welcomes.

The effective operation of the scheme is kept under regular review within the Department, and it remains a priority for Defence and Her Majesty's Government.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-18/38543>

Information about the Afghan Relocations Assistance Policy, referred to above, can be read at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/afghan-relocations-and-assistance-policy/afghan-relocations-and-assistance-policy-information-and-guidance>

The following three questions all received the same answer

Refugees: Afghanistan

Alison McGovern (Labour) [38651] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Afghan refugees remain in hotels following their arrival in the UK in summer 2021.

Alison McGovern (Labour) [38652] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Afghan refugees have found permanent accommodation since arriving in the UK following the Taliban taking control of Afghanistan.

Alison McGovern (Labour) [38653] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the cost to the public purse is of temporary housing for Afghan refugees.

Reply from Kevin Foster: In 2021, the UK Government undertook the biggest and fastest emergency evacuation in recent history, helping over 15,000 people to safety from Afghanistan. Since the end of Op PITTING, we have brought a further c.4,000 Afghans to the UK. Due to the scale and pace of the evacuation we were not able to source appropriate accommodation in the normal way, so we have had to use hotels as a temporary measure.

As of 18 July 2022, we are currently providing temporary accommodation for c.9,500 individuals resettling in the UK under the Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy (ARAP) or Afghan Citizen Resettlement Scheme (ACRS), whilst they await permanent accommodation.

Over 7000 Afghans have already moved or are in the process of being moved into their permanent accommodation. In addition to the work, we are doing to provide appropriate accommodation for Afghans, a number of families have, in recent months, taken steps to secure their own accommodation.

The cost of accommodating those resettling under ACRS or ARAP, whilst they await permanent accommodation, is estimated at £1 million a day. The Home Office

works to secure contracts which offer the best value for money, whilst providing an appropriate level of support to those under its care.

We do not want to see Afghan families in temporary accommodation for any longer than is absolutely necessary. We are therefore working with local authorities across the UK to identify more opportunities for those being housed in bridging hotels to move into permanent accommodation.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-18/38651>

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<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-18/38653>

Information about the Afghan Relocations Assistance Policy, referred to above, can be read at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/afghan-relocations-and-assistance-policy/afghan-relocations-and-assistance-policy-information-and-guidance>

Information about the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme, referred to above, can be read at

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/afghan-citizens-resettlement-scheme>

UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answers: Other Immigration and Asylum

Asylum: Turkey

Stephen Kinnock (Labour) [38682] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has had discussions with (a) Cabinet colleagues and (b) the Turkish Government on sending people seeking asylum in the UK from the UK to Turkey.

Reply from Kevin Foster: The UK is interested in working with multiple international partners to break the business model of people smuggling gangs and fix the broken asylum system.

We continue to pursue multiple Third Country Asylum Partnerships with those countries who are interested but we will not be drawn into speculation on which nations this includes.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-18/38682>

Asylum

Shabana Mahmood (Labour) [38604] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what progress her Department has made in directing local authorities, which have previously not been involved, to participate in asylum dispersal.

Reply from Kevin Foster: Since the Full Dispersal Scheme was announced in April 2022 we have begun procuring asylum accommodation in cooperation with local authorities (LAs). We have seen an increase in dispersed accommodation capacity, with new areas now engaged. We are committed to working collaboratively with local authorities to implement the full dispersal model and an informal consultation with partners to shape the redesign of the asylum dispersal system closed on 1 July.

As part of the informal consultation, we developed regional plans incorporating contributions from LAs across the UK and to support implementation of a reformed asylum dispersal model which is fair, sustainable, innovative and responsive to changing demands and needs over the long term. We have taken on board the representations made during the informal consultation period and are building the feedback into our plans for regional allocations. We will communicate these to Local Authority partners as soon as we can.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-18/38604>

Asylum: Hotels

Shabana Mahmood (Labour) [38606] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether it is her Department's policy to consult with local authorities before procuring hotels to use as asylum accommodation in their area.

Reply from Kevin Foster: When any new site has been identified, the Home Office will write to the Local Authority Chief Executive and the MP for the area to inform them of our plans to house Asylum Seekers within the hotel/alternative accommodation identified. This is normally done in advance of a hotel being used, but where an urgent need for accommodation occurs, this may take place retrospectively.

The Home Office always gives as much notice as possible of our intention to use sites, however, the fluctuating nature of intake, coupled with the imperative to meet our statutory obligation, may mean we need to establish sites quickly to avoid people becoming destitute. Home Office officials would be in contact with appropriate Local Authority officers and all other relevant stakeholders to discuss the operational arrangements and share the necessary information. This would include our providers working with the emergency services to mitigate any risks to our service users and the wider community.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-18/38606>

Asylum: Temporary Accommodation

John McNally (SNP) [37513] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department makes an assessment of the (a) location and (b) cost of temporary accommodation when determining the order in which asylum seekers in that accommodation are given interviews.

Reply from Kevin Foster: The Home Office do not make an assessment of the location or cost of temporary accommodation when determining the order in which asylum seekers are given interviews; our usual tasking priorities are followed.

We are currently concentrating on deciding older claims, cases with acute vulnerability and those in receipt of the greatest level of support, including Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children. Additionally, we are prioritising cases where an individual has already received a decision, but a reconsideration is required. Asylum Operations have also introduced a digital interviewing capability as part of the wider Home Office digital transformation programme. This enables us to maximise our capacity to conduct interviews in locations across the UK and progress cases in a more efficient and cost-effective way.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-15/37513>

Asylum: Mental Health

John McNally (SNP) [38700] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to protect the mental health of vulnerable asylum seekers.

Reply from Kevin Foster: Asylum seekers have full access to the NHS upon arrival in the UK. All Home Office staff and contractors engaging with asylum seekers are trained to adopt a risk-based approach towards potential indications of vulnerability and to refer relevant cases onto the Safeguarding Hub, a dedicated resource assigned to identifying and safeguarding vulnerable asylum seekers.

The Safeguarding Hub works closely with the statutory agencies to signpost vulnerable customers for support with their health and social care needs.

The Government is planning to provide an additional £2.3 billion a year for mental health services by 2023/24, the largest increase in mental health funding in NHS history.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-18/38700>

UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answers: Rwanda Refugee Policy

Asylum: Rwanda

The Earl of Sandwich (Crossbench) [HL1932] To ask Her Majesty's Government what evidence they have that removal to Rwanda will be a deterrent to would-be economic migrants.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The Migration and Economic Development Partnership with Rwanda is intended to break the business model of people smuggling gangs. Access to the UK's asylum system should be based on need, not on the ability to pay people smugglers. By refusing those who arrive in the UK by unnecessary, illegal and dangerous methods to remain, the scheme breaks the people smugglers' business model by not giving them the prospect of gaining entry to the UK to 'sell'.

Recognising that the policy is still at an early stage, we are currently working on a monitoring and evaluation plan which will be a cornerstone in measuring the effectiveness of this innovative arrangement. We will be able to set out more details on this in due course.

This arrangement between the UK and Rwanda is part of a suite of measures aimed at breaking the business model of people smuggling gangs, and as with all policies its impact will be kept under review.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-19/hl1932>

The following two questions both received the same answer

Deportation: Rwanda

Lord Roberts of Llandudno (Liberal Democrat) [HL1811] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many deportation flights have flown from the UK to Rwanda; and when those flights took place.

Asylum: Rwanda

Lord Roberts of Llandudno (Liberal Democrat) [HL1812] To ask Her Majesty's Government what is the total number of asylum seekers who have been deported to Rwanda to date.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: There have not been any returns charter flights operated from the UK to Rwanda.

The Migration and Economic Development Partnership intends to deter dangerous journeys and illegal entry to the UK, break the business model of people smugglers and protect the lives of those they endanger.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-15/hl1811>

and

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-15/hl1812>

UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answer: Channel Migrants

Undocumented Migrants: English Channel

Lord Rosser (Labour) [HL1924] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Williams of Trafford on 11 July (HL1285), whether they consider as a matter of policy that all asylum seekers travelling to the UK from France have done so unlawfully and are therefore unable to claim asylum; if so, on what grounds; and how many individuals seeking asylum after crossing the English Channel in small boats have been granted asylum in each of the last five years.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: Asylum seekers who travel to the UK from France either commit a criminal offence of entering the UK without leave under section 24(B1) of the Immigration Act 1971, or of arriving in the UK without an entry clearance under section 24 (D1), depending on their method of entry or arrival. In line with the Kakaei and Bani judgments, those who are rescued and brought ashore (the majority of those crossing the channel in small boats) are deemed to have arrived without permission

The Home Office are able to provide the total number of individuals seeking asylum after crossing the English Channel in small boats who have been granted asylum in each of the last four years, from 2018-2021. However are not able to provide information prior to this date as there were no small boat crossing attempts.

Year of Arrival	Granted Asylum
2018	148
2019	727
2020	1548
2021	56
Total	2479

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-19/hl1924>

The answer referred to above is not relevant to this question, and it is not possible to guess which of the very many answers on this subject Lord Rosser intended to refer to.

The judgements referred to above can be read at

<https://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWCA/Crim/2021/503.html>

and

<https://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWCA/Crim/2021/1958.html>

UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answers: Other Immigration and Asylum

British Nationality: Assessments

Lord Rosser (Labour) [HL1710] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Home Office on 8 February 2021 (HC 144733), how it was possible for an individual to take the Life in the UK test 118 times in 2015 and 2016 when government guidance says that applicants must wait 7 days before taking the test again.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: Life in the UK testing is provided and hosted by PSI Services (UK) Limited who operate a self-booking process and candidates are able to book tests in multiple slots; they are not limited by the system as to how frequently a test can be taken.

We are aware the guidance on gov.uk advises candidates:

You must wait 7 days before taking the test again, but you can take the test as many times as you need to.

However, this is guidance and not a requirement so we will update the wording to reflect this.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-12/hl1710>

The answer referred to above can be read at

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-01-27/144733>

British Nationality: Assessments

Lord Rosser (Labour) [HL2042] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written

Answer by Baroness Williams of Trafford on 19 July (HL1506), whether the 'Life in the UK' test includes any questions about out-of-date information included in the current 'Life in the UK' test handbook.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The Life in the UK (LitUK) test and supporting handbook are updated annually. Where an event means some test content is incorrect, related questions will not be asked and the content will be updated accordingly as per the scheduled updates.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-21/hl2042>

The answer referred to above can be read at

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-05/hl1506>

English Language: Education

Lord Rosser (Labour) [HL1926] To ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure equal access to English for Speakers of Other Languages support.

Reply from Baroness Barran: The department recognises that language skills are crucial to help people integrate into life in England, as well as to break down barriers to work and career progression.

We fund adults through the Adult Education Budget (AEB) for courses and qualifications, so that they can be confident they have the English language skills they need.

Currently, approximately 60% of the AEB is devolved to 9 Mayoral Combined Authorities and delegated to the Mayor of London acting through the Greater London Authority. These authorities are responsible for the provision of adult education and allocation of the AEB in their local areas. The Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) is responsible for the remaining AEB in non-devolved areas, where colleges and training providers have the freedom and flexibility to determine how they use their AEB to meet the needs of their communities.

Learner eligibility for public funding for education and training for adults, including English for Speakers of other Languages, is set out in the ESFA AEB Funding Rules for the 2021/22 funding year, which is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/adult-education-budget-aeb-funding-rules-2021-to-2022>

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-19/hl1926>

The following two questions both received the same answer

Immigration

Baroness Lister of Burtersett (Labour) [HL1641] To ask Her Majesty's Government when they expect to complete the Home Office review of the 'compliant environment'.

Windrush Lessons Learned Review

Baroness Lister of Burtersett (Labour) [HL1642] To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to respond to the Wendy Williams's report Windrush Lessons Learned Review: progress update, published on 31 March; and what mechanisms they plan to put in place to monitor future progress in implementing the findings of the Lessons Learned Review.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: In response to Recommendation 2 of the Windrush Lessons Learned Review, Wendy Williams returned to the Department in September 2021 to review our progress in implementing the recommendations of that Review and the commitments we made in the Comprehensive Improvement Plan. Her Progress Update was published in March this year.

Wendy concludes that there is no doubt the Department has risen to the challenge she set for us, and she acknowledges there are several areas where very good

progress has been made. Wendy also rightly holds us to account where we have not made sufficient progress and we know there is more to do.

The progress update does not include new recommendations and we will continue to drive forward progress on Wendy's original 30 recommendations. We have laid the foundations for radical change in the department and a total transformation of culture. We are committed to long-lasting meaningful improvement of how the Home Office delivers.

Turning to the review of the compliant environment – recommendation 7 of the Review - evaluation of these measures individually and cumulatively will be an ongoing process. The compliant environment is made up of a complex set of measures. The approach to evaluation is staged, delivering a range of outputs at different times as is standard practice in establishing an evaluation. I can offer an assurance that we will not wait to make changes where they are needed and policies will be kept under review.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-11/hl1641>

and

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-11/hl1642>

The Windrush Lessons Learned Review, referred to above, can be read at

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/874022/6.5577_HO_Windrush_Lessons_Learned_Review_WEB_v2.pdf

The Comprehensive Improvement Plan, referred to above, can be read at

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/922973/CCS001_CCS0820050750-001_Resp_to_Windrush_Lessons_CP_293_Accessible.pdf

The Progress Update, referred to above, can be read at

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1065012/14.12_HO_Windrush_Lessons_Learned_Review_Accessible_6_.pdf

Refugees

Baroness Lister of Burtersett (Labour) [HL1698] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many refugees who had entered the UK through safe and legal routes were granted leave to remain (1) every year since 2015, and (2) broken down by route.

Reply from Lord Harrington of Watford: Information on safe and legal routes is available via the link below:

[Nationality and Borders Bill: Factsheet Safe and Legal Routes](#)

The Home Office publishes data on resettlement in the 'Immigration Statistics Quarterly Release'. Data on the number of refugees resettled by resettlement scheme are published in table Asy_D02 of the asylum and resettlement detailed datasets. Information on how to use the datasets can be found in the 'Notes' page of the workbook. The latest data relates to Q1 2022.

The resettlement data in Asy_D02 does not cover data relating to the individuals relocated under the Afghanistan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS) or Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP). The Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS) opened in January 2022, with the first eligible person relocated under the scheme on 6 January 2022.

The Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP) launched on 1 April 2021, and provisional data show more than 7,000 people have been relocated under the scheme so far. Statistics on these schemes will be included in future editions of Immigration Statistics.

Further details on the ACRS and ARAP can be found in the *FACTSHEET: [ACRS and other routes](#)* and *[Operation Warm Welcome: progress update](#)*.

Data on the number of Family Reunion visas granted are published in table Fam_D01 of the asylum and resettlement detailed datasets. Information on how to

use the datasets can be found in the 'Notes' page of the workbook. The latest data relates to Q1 2022.

The Home Office publishes data on the number of applications and grants of leave on the British National Overseas (BN(O)) route in the "How many people come to the UK each year (including visitors)?" topic and underlying datasets of the 'Immigration Statistics Quarterly Release'.

Information on future Home Office statistical release dates can be found in the 'Research and statistics calendar'.

Information on the number of visas granted under the Ukraine Family Scheme and the Homes for Ukraine Scheme can be found in our published data on the GOV.UK webpage: [Ukraine Family Scheme and Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme \(Homes for Ukraine\) visa data](#)

[Asy D02 Table](#)

[Family Reunion Visas – Table Fam D01](#)

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-12/hl1698>

The Immigration Statistics Quarterly Release referred to above can be read at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immigration-statistics-quarterly-release>

The asylum and resettlement datasets referred to above can be read at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/asylum-and-resettlement-datasets>

Asylum

Lord Rosser (Labour) [HL1925] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Williams of Trafford on 11 July (HL1285), what assessment they have made of (1) the number of asylum seekers attracted to the UK because of the asylum system in place prior to the Nationality and Borders Act 2022, and (2) the number of asylum seekers expected to be attracted to the UK because of the asylum system in place after the Act has been enacted.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: Through our New Plan for Immigration, we are fixing the broken asylum system to make it firm and fair, ensuring it is compassionate towards those who need our help, whilst seeking to stop abuse of the system

The number of asylum seekers who claimed asylum prior to the Nationality and Borders Act 2022 being enacted stood at 55,146 for the year ending March 2022 for main applicants only.

The Home Office are not able to provide the numbers expected to be lodged with the UK asylum system now the Act has been enacted. All asylum claims lodged in the UK are carefully considered on their individual merits against a background of relevant case law and up to date country information.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-19/hl1925>

The answer referred to above is not relevant to this question, and it is not possible to guess which of the very many answers on this subject Lord Rosser intended to refer to.

Asylum: RAF Linton-on-Ouse

Baroness Hamwee (Liberal Democrat) [HL2013] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Williams of Trafford on 4 July (HL1093), which stated that that experience and lessons learnt from Napier Barracks would be applied to the provision of health services at the Linton-on-Ouse reception centre, what lessons were learnt.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The lessons learnt from the provision of healthcare at Napier were of the benefits to service users of having easy access to healthcare based on site. This model prevents strain on the provision of services and healthcare for local residents.

The Home Office are working closely with NHS colleagues to design an appropriate healthcare model for the Linton-on-Ouse Accommodation Centre should a decision be taken to use the site. Furthermore, the Service Provider will be required to have a Partnership Manager on site who will oversee safeguarding and wellbeing, working in collaboration with their onsite Risk & Assurance Manager, who will be responsible for the risk and safety elements of welfare.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-21/hl2013>

The answer referred to above can be read at

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-06-20/hl1093>

Asylum: RAF Linton-on-Ouse

Baroness Hamwee (Liberal Democrat) [HL2014] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Williams of Trafford on 4 July (HL1093), which stated that the Home Office is liaising with the Ministry of Justice and the Legal Aid Agency to finalise details of the provision of legal advice and representation for asylum seekers accommodated at Linton-on-Ouse, what consultation has taken or will take place with specialist immigration lawyers as to such provision.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The proposed site at Linton-on-Ouse is designed to facilitate and support interaction between Asylum Seekers and their chosen legal advisors, whereby those accommodated at Linton-on-Ouse will have the ability to access the support of legal representation, either face-to-face or remotely.

If a decision is made to use the site, there will be dedicated private rooms where remote asylum case interviews and conversations between asylum seekers and their legal reps along with access to printers and scanners. The Service Provider will be the point of contact for support on-site for asylum seekers, legal reps and Case Workers. Additionally, individuals will also have 24/7 access to the Migrant Help hotline via the provision of phones which will enable issue reporting and complaints, plus signposting to legal aid.

The Home Office continues to liaise with colleagues in the Ministry of Justice and Legal Aid Agency to finalise the details of this provision at Linton-on-Ouse.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-21/hl2014>

The answer referred to above can be read at

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-06-20/hl1093>

Asylum: RAF Linton-on-Ouse

Baroness Hamwee (Liberal Democrat) [HL2016] To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of reports of far-right extremist activity in relation to proposed asylum accommodation at Linton-on-Ouse; what steps they are taking to address the issue; what support they are providing to people affected by any such activity; and what additional policing costs are anticipated in light of such activity.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The safety and security of the local community, asylum seekers, staff and visitors to potential future sites is of paramount importance. We are committed to engagement with local authorities and local partners to understand and mitigate risks and concerns of the wider community. This includes working closely with the police in matters relating to the operation of the site, safety and security and the handling of any protests. The Home Office will work closely with the Counter Extremism Unit as well as the Community Tensions Team to discuss and inform any developments at Linton-on-Ouse. These partnerships will ensure the site, if the decision is made to progress, is fit for purpose and operates safely and securely, whilst minimising impacts on local services.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-21/hl2016>

Asylum: RAF Linton-on-Ouse

Baroness Hamwee (Liberal Democrat) [HL2017] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the announcement by the Prime Minister on 2 May, what were the reasons why the proposed asylum reception centre at Linton-on-Ouse was "pivotal" to the plan to send people seeking asylum to Rwanda.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: There is no link between the proposed non-detained site at Linton-on-Ouse and the Migration and Economic Development Partnership (MEDP) with Rwanda.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-21/hl2017>

The Prime Minister's comment, referred to above, was made in an interview with the Yorkshire Post. A report can be read at

<https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/politics/linton-on-ouse-asylum-seeker-processing-centre-pivotal-for-rwanda-plan-boris-johnson-says-3676880>

Asylum: RAF Linton-on-Ouse

Baroness Hamwee (Liberal Democrat) [HL2018] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether the UNHCR has visited the proposed asylum reception centre at Linton-on-Ouse; and whether they will publish the report made following any such visit.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The UNHCR have visited the proposed site on 19 May and advised they would be writing a report.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-21/hl2018>

Migrants: Detainees

Lord Rosser (Labour) [HL1711] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many people who are (1) survivors of sexual and gender-based violence, and (2) otherwise recognised as vulnerable under the Adults at Risk policy, were brought to an immigration detention centre in (a) 2019, (b) 2020, and (c) 2021.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The requested information cannot be accurately extracted from our internal systems. To provide this information would require a manual trawl of case records and to do so would incur disproportionate cost.

The Adults at Risk in Immigration Detention (AAR) policy strengthens the presumption against the detention of those who are particularly vulnerable to harm in detention. Under the AAR policy, vulnerable individuals will be detained only when the evidence of vulnerability in their particular case is outweighed by the immigration considerations, including expected date of removal, compliance with immigration law, and public protection. Where a decision is taken to maintain the detention of a vulnerable person, safeguards are in place including regular reviews to ensure detention remains lawful, appropriate and proportionate.

All Home Office staff working in the detention system are given training and support to identify and act upon indicators of vulnerability.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-12/hl1711>

The Adults at Risk in Immigration Detention Policy, referred to above, can be read at

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1031900/Adults_at_risk_in_immigration_detention.pdf

Immigration Bail

The Earl of Sandwich (Crossbench) [HL1934] To ask Her Majesty's Government why they have set the period of detention before an individual may apply for bail from immigration detention as seven days.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: Paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 10 to The Immigration Act 2016 sets out the limitation on the First-tier Tribunal to grant

immigration bail:

A person who is being detained under paragraph 16(1) of Schedule 2 to the Immigration Act 1971 must not be granted immigration bail by the First-tier Tribunal until after the end of the period of 8 days beginning with the date of the person's arrival in the United Kingdom.

This limitation only applies to people detained under paragraph 16(1) of Schedule 2 pending examination and pending a decision to give or refuse leave to enter. It does not extend to those detained under paragraph 16(1A) of the Schedule, which is for the purpose of removal.

The published detention policy makes it clear that detention must only be used when necessary, and for the shortest possible period. There is a presumption in favour of liberty for any person, and during this time, Secretary of State bail can be granted where appropriate in the individual case. Once a person is in detention, regular reviews are undertaken to ensure that their detention remains lawful, appropriate, and proportionate.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-19/hl1934>

The detention policy referred to above can be read at

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1046288/Detention_General_instructions.pdf

Refugees: Deportation

Lord Roberts of Llandudno (Liberal Democrat) [HL1813] To ask Her Majesty's Government which other countries in addition to Rwanda they are considering as destinations to deport refugees from the UK.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The term 'Deportation' refers to a legally defined subset of returns which are enforced either following a criminal conviction, or when it is judged that a person's removal from the UK is conducive to the public good. The term 'deportation' does not therefore apply to relocations under the Migration and Economic Development Partnership with Rwanda.

We are unable to comment on discussions that may be being held with other countries. We are, however, committed to working closely with international partners as we act on fixing our broken asylum system. This ground-breaking Partnership is a model that could be replicated elsewhere, and we are always willing to work with partners around the world to tackle this joint challenge.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-15/hl1813>

Deportation: Children

Lord Rosser (Labour) [HL1779] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many British citizens who were children were deported in (1) 2019, (2) 2020, and (3) 2021.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The Home Office does not deport children.

Deportation is a specific form of removal which is used when a Foreign National Offender (FNO) has received a custodial sentence of at least 12 months, unless an exception applies, in line with the UK Border Act 2007 and the Immigration Act 1971.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-14/hl1779>

Press Release

Ukrainian and UK governments thank public for ‘largest offer of help to people fleeing war since 1945’

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukrainian-and-uk-governments-thank-public-for-largest-offer-of-help-to-people-fleeing-war-since-1945>

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Homes for Ukraine: welcome guide for Ukrainian children under 18

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/homes-for-ukraine-welcome-guide-for-ukrainian-children-under-18>

Windrush Compensation Scheme data: June 2022

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1094106/WCS_Data_-_June_22.ods

Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme: Visa data by country, upper and lower tier local authority

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ukraine-sponsorship-scheme-visa-data-by-country-upper-and-lower-tier-local-authority>

Migrants detected crossing the English Channel in small boats - weekly data

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/migrants-detected-crossing-the-english-channel-in-small-boats-weekly-data>

No Radio Silence: Human Rights for New Scots – Educational Resource

<https://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/No-Radio-Silence-Human-Rights-for-New-Scots-Educational-Resource.pdf>

No Radio Silence – video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=01AVKMyfx0&t=2s>

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Rwanda ‘not safe enough’ for asylum deal and Priti Patel must reconsider, parliamentary committee says

<https://www.independent.co.uk/independentpremium/uk-news/rwanda-priti-patel-parliamentary-committee-b2131625.html>

News: Channel Migrants

Channel Migrants: New daily high for 2022 set on Monday

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-kent-62392898>

Barber ‘linchpin of Channel gang that smuggled in 10,000 people’

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/barber-linchpin-of-channel-gang-that-smuggled-in-10-000-people-vv2hvf3c>

Channel migrant crossings hit highest daily total this year as 696 make treacherous journey

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/channel-crossings-696-monday-mod-b2136303.html>

Almost 700 migrants cross Channel in record day despite Rwanda threat

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2022/08/02/border-force-intercepts-696-migrants-crossing-channel-record/>

UK Rwanda asylum plan under fire as rising numbers cross Channel

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2022/aug/02/uk-asylum-seeker-plans-under-fire-as-record-numbers-cross-channel>

Nearly 700 migrants cross Channel in a day

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/nearly-700-migrants-cross-channel-in-a-day-bw36nlpbd>

Migrant crossings resume as report warns asylum seekers at risk of exploitation

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/english-channel-hurricane-accommodation-british-red-cross-home-office-b2138059.html>

Channel smugglers drop prices and cram more people on to boats

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2022/aug/06/channel-smugglers-drop-prices-and-cram-more-people-on-to-boats>

'Which way to Britain?' shout migrants from sinking dinghy

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/which-way-britain-shout-migrants-sinking-dinghy-8xndgvb65>

Four in 10 Channel migrants from peaceful Albania

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2022/08/06/four-10-channel-migrants-peaceful-albania/>

News: Afghanistan

Help house 10,000 Afghan refugees, minister tells councils

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-62393625>

Anguish of Afghan families split up and sent to hotels in different cities

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/anguish-of-afghan-families-split-up-and-sent-to-hotels-in-different-cities-slt3cqfw2>

The Afghan families still waiting to find a home in the UK

<https://www.independent.co.uk/independentpremium/long-reads/afghanistan-taliban-refugee-families-hotels-uk-b2138159.html>

UK Government needs to 'radically increase' Afghan resettlement scheme, Amnesty International warns

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/world/uk-government-needs-to-radically-increase-afghan-resettlement-scheme-amnesty-international-warns-3782946>

Afghanistan refugees: Hotels and hopelessness, but opportunity too, in UK

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-62338313>

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More than 100,000 Ukrainians fleeing war have arrived in UK

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-62334265>

More than 100,000 refugees arrive in UK after fleeing war in Ukraine

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/ukraine-government-homes-greg-clark-richard-harrington-b2133030.html>

Calls for revamp of Scotland's help for Ukrainian refugees

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/20596123.calls-revamp-scotlands-help-ukrainian-refugees/>

Ukrainian refugees move onto Edinburgh cruise ship

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-62304573>

First refugees welcomed aboard Leith cruise ship without proper checks, critics warn

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/world/war-in-ukraine-first-refugees-welcomed-aboard-leith-cruise-ship-without-proper-checks-critics-warn-3782951>

The Ukrainians living on a cruise ship in Edinburgh

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-62346573>

Sun shines on Leith for the Ukrainians of the Victoria

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/sun-shines-on-leith-for-the-ukrainians-of-the-victoria-hdzt9s92s>

Calls for Ukrainians living on cruise ship in Scotland to be quickly rehoused

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2022/jul/28/rehouse-ukrainian-refugees-cruise-ship-scotland-welfare-groups-say>

Government 'needs a plan' as Ukrainian host families asked to extend stays

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/world/government-needs-a-plan-as-ukrainian-host-families-asked-to-extend-stays-3795327>

Educational challenges facing refugees must not be underestimated

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/opinion/catherine-salmond-educational-challenges-facing-refugees-must-not-be-underestimated-3788201>

Ukrainian refugees have a 'taste of their previous life' thanks to bike charity

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/london-kyiv-richmond-park-adam-deptford-b2133829.html>

Teachers use pictures and apps to ease Ukrainian pupils into school

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/teachers-use-pictures-and-apps-to-ease-ukrainian-pupils-into-school-sbjpkjsnq>

Ukraine: Teenager gets a home in Oxford after fleeing war

<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/uk-62422942>

The Ukrainian refugees who decided to go home

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/the-ukrainian-refugees-who-decided-to-go-home-5b55shw6w>

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Prince Charles: Windrush immigrants will be 'forever appreciated' by UK

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/royal-family/2022/08/06/prince-charles-windrush-immigrants-will-forever-appreciated/>

Windrush man was treated shamefully, appeal judges say

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-london-62326191>

Hong Kong visa scheme changed to let teenagers aged from 18 come to UK without parents

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/world-news/2022/08/01/hong-kong-visa-scheme-changed-let-teenagers-aged-18-come-uk/>

Foreign trainee GPs in Scotland face having to LEAVE because of UK visa problems

<https://www.thenational.scot/news/20585003.foreign-trainee-gps-scotland-face-leave-uk-visa-problems/>

People seeking refugee protection in Scotland are being held in police cells

<https://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/fois-reveal-that-people-seeking-refugee-protection-in-scotland-are-being-detained-in-police-cells/>

Hotel sector could be destabilised by rooms for refugees scheme, says industry

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/hotel-sector-could-be-destabilised-by-rooms-for-refugees-scheme-says-industry-pg9vx8x9b>

Families torn apart, marriages shattered, children scared and ill: living in a British hotel for refugees

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/families-torn-apart-marriages-shattered-children-scared-and-ill-living-in-a-british-hotel-for-refugees-ljg9xqb8g>

Asylum seekers in UK waiting more than six months for decision must be allowed to work, UN says

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/asylum-seekers-work-support-exploitation-b2138395.html>

Pledge to double number of foreign criminals deported

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/pledge-to-double-number-of-foreign-criminals-deported-ljcc7qztw>

How to assess whether deportation of a foreign criminal is 'unduly harsh' on his British national child

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Sir Mo Farah: Calls to trafficking helpline go up after revelation

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-62267538>

50 years on, No-one Talks About the Trauma that Affected Ugandan Asians

<https://www.faith-matters.org/50-years-on-no-one-talks-about-the-trauma-that-affected-ugandan-asians/>

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Scottish Parliament Written Answers

Covid-19: ethnic minority and migrant communities

Anas Sarwar (Labour) [S6W-09789] To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to support the mental health and wellbeing of Scotland's ethnic minority and migrant communities following the COVID-19 pandemic.

Reply from Kevin Stewart: We know the pandemic has exacerbated pre-existing structural inequality in society, putting minority ethnic and migrant communities disproportionately at risk and having more adverse impacts on their mental health. That is why we are undertaking a range of activity to specifically support their mental health and wellbeing. The [Scottish Government's Race Equality: Immediate Priorities Plan](#) sets out our immediate priorities to implement the recommendations of the Expert Reference Group for Covid-19. In 2021-22 that included investing £21m into the Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund for adults to help tackle the impact of social isolation, loneliness and mental health inequalities faced by a range of 'at risk' groups including minority ethnic people. We also provided £150k to MECOPP and £20k to Progress in Dialogue to work in and with Gypsy/Traveller communities to improve mental health and wellbeing outcomes for children and young people.

More generally, we are working to ensure everyone can access appropriate mental health care and continue to increase our investment in crucial services and infrastructure. Our Transition & Recovery Plan, backed by £120m of recurring funding is transforming services, with a renewed focus on prevention and early intervention. We established an Equality and Human Rights Forum to provide advice on the implementation of the Transition and Recovery Plan and wider work within mental health policy, including the development of our new Mental Health Strategy. This Forum includes representation from minority ethnic groups.

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/written-questions-and-answers/question?ref=S6W-09789>

Digital Skills and Literacy

Anas Sarwar (Labour) [S6W-09788] To ask the Scottish Government what support is being offered to the voluntary and community sector to support access to, and the provision of, digital skills and literacy opportunities for ethnic minority and migrant communities.

Reply from Ivan McKee: The Scottish Government has committed to extend the Connecting Scotland programme over the course of this Parliament to reach a total of 300,000 people. Work is underway to scope the future service, including how best to reach priority groups who we know are most likely to be digitally excluded, including ethnic minority and migrant communities. Connecting Scotland supported migrant communities in its initial phases and has recently supported Ukrainian displaced persons on arrival in Scotland.

Connecting Scotland is delivered in collaboration with key partners, including local authorities, COSLA, SCVO and third sector organisations to support access to, and the provision of, digital skills and literacy opportunities.

Additionally, as part of the New Scots Refugee Integration Delivery Project, six projects have been awarded funding to support digital inclusion for refugees. This project is part funded by the EU Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund.

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/written-questions-and-answers/question?ref=S6W-09788>

UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answers

Employment: Ethnic Groups

Ruth Jones (Labour) [38822] To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent steps she has taken to encourage black and minority ethnic women into work in (a) Newport West constituency, (b) Wales and (c) the United Kingdom.

Reply from Julie Manson: We want everyone to be able to find a job, progress in work and thrive in the labour market, whoever they are and wherever they live.

The latest Office for National Statistics update for the first quarter of 2022 shows that there are 2 million more women in work compared to in 2010 and a record high 2.0 million ethnic minority women in work, a significant increase of 180,000 since the same quarter in 2021. The ethnic minority employment rate for women was 61.7%, a 1.1% increase since the same quarter in 2021.

Our Plan for Jobs is providing broad ranging support for all Jobseekers with our Sector Based Work Academy Programmes (SWAPs), Job Entry Targeted Support (JETS) and Restart scheme. In Southeast Wales, our Jobcentres are working with Adult Learning Wales to deliver 'Prepare for the Civil Service' recruitment support sessions, supporting customers from groups with lower social mobility, including ethnic minority jobseekers, to apply for positions with Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs. We are extending this initiative to support more diverse recruitment in all other government departments in Wales.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-18/38832>

Childbirth: Ethnic Groups

Feryal Clark (Labour) [37622] To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department has made an assessment of the long-term impact of traumatic birth experiences on Black and Black mixed women.

Reply from Maria Caulfield: No specific assessment has been made. However, in order to reduce the risk of traumatic birth experiences for women, there are projects underway to increase the personalisation of maternity care and provide standardised information to support informed decision making. In 2021, NHS England published 'A good practice guide to support implementation of trauma-informed care in the perinatal period' which is available at the following link:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/BBS-TIC-V8.pdf>

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-15/37622>

Pre-sentence Reports: Ethnic Groups

Liz Saville Roberts (Plaid Cymru) [37577] To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, with reference to the report by HM Inspectorate of Probation, Race equality in probation: the experiences of black, Asian and minority ethnic probation service users and staff, published in March 2021, which states that pre-sentence reports prepared for people from a BAME background were of insufficient quality, what steps he is taking to improve the quality of those reports.

Reply from Simon Baynes: While the decision of whether to order a pre-sentence report (PSR) is up to the discretion of the judiciary, we recognise their importance and are working to improve their quality, targeting and timeliness.

In March 2021 HMPPS published [a response to the HMIP report](#) in the form of a detailed Action Plan responding to the recommendations within it. This document sets out how the Probation Service is improving the quality of PSRs for ethnic minority individuals.

An example of this work is demonstrated through the [PSR pilot](#) which is running in 15 magistrates' courts across England and Wales. Amongst other activities the pilot has:

- Identified priority cohorts understood to have more complex needs (female offenders, young adult offenders, and offenders who are deemed to be at risk of custody). Ethnic minority service users have made up a proportion of the initial three priority cohorts but as of August 2022 we are going further to include these individuals explicitly as an additional priority cohort. The pilot will deliver more comprehensive, written PSRs rather than oral reports for these cohorts.
- Seen more PSRs delivered to these courts in comparison with national counterparts.
- Captured data relating to PSRs completed for ethnic minority individuals to better understand what changes are required from both an operational and policy perspective.
- Created a learning and development package focussed on building communications and advocacy skills, tackling racial disparities in the criminal justice system and learning how to become trauma informed and responsive to better support defendants.

More widely the HMPPS Race Action Programme is working to tackle the racial disparities that persist in the Criminal Justice System by increasing the diversity of our workforces, addressing the risk of bias in our policies, and improving training delivered to staff on race issues in probation, prison, and youth custody settings.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-15/37577>

The report referred to above can be read at

<https://www.justiceinspectores.gov.uk/hmiprobation/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2021/03/Race-Equality-in-Probation-thematic-inspection-report-v1.0.pdf>

Pupils: Travellers

Jim Shannon (DUP) [39847] To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent assessment his Department has made of the educational attainment of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller pupils.

Reply from Will Quince: Education is a devolved matter, and the response outlines the information for England only.

The department recognises the issues faced by Gypsy, Roma and Traveller children and young people, and how schools and others can make a positive difference.

The department has invested in research into academic progress over the 2020/21 and 2021/22 academic years with Renaissance Learning and the Education Policy Institute. The department's data and research consider the impacts on pupils with particular characteristics, as well as considering regional disparities and area-level deprivation.

The department knows one of the most significant factors affecting pupil attainment, which cuts across all ethnicities, is economic disadvantage. That is why we have consistently targeted support at the most disadvantaged and vulnerable, with schools continuing to receive additional funding through the pupil premium.

Total pupil premium funding will increase to over £2.6 billion this financial year (2022/23), from £2.5 billion last year. On top of this funding, schools serving pupils from Gypsy, Roma and Traveller backgrounds are likely to attract funding through additional needs factors in the schools national funding formula (NFF), specifically through the mobility factor.

The department is also working closely with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and will learn any lessons from the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Education Area pilots in a number of areas in England.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-19/39847>

Pupil Exclusions: Travellers

Jim Shannon (DUP) [39848] To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what assessment his Department has made of the factors that contribute to school exclusion rates of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller pupils.

Reply from Brendan Clarke-Smith: Education is a devolved matter, and the response outlines the information for England only.

The department has conducted several analyses into disparities in exclusion rates. The Timpson Review of School Exclusions (2019) illustrated that there is no substantial difference in permanent exclusion rates when comparing all ethnic minority children as a whole with white British children.

The Timpson Review also found that Gypsy and Roma pupils and Irish Traveller boys are more likely to be suspended than their white British peers, even when other factors are controlled for, such as poverty, special educational needs and absence. The Timpson Review noted that the impact of in and out-of-school factors will differ for each child and local context means there will be different patterns across the country.

The department's updated Suspension and Permanent Exclusion guidance, published 13 July 2022, sets out that schools, local authorities, and local partners should work together to understand what lies behind local trends. Local leaders should use this understanding to plan and put in place additional and targeted actions based on their own context. If they identify any gaps, they should act to ensure those who work with children have the training, services and support they need to address them.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-19/39848>

The report referred to above can be read at

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/807862/Timpson_review.pdf

The guidance referred to above can be read at

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1092493/20170831_Exclusion_Stat_guidance.pdf

UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answers

Small Businesses: Ethnic Groups

Baroness Bowles of Berkhamsted (Liberal Democrat) [HL1723] To ask Her Majesty's Government what statistics they collate on ethnicity in small and medium sized enterprises; and if they collate any such statistics, what are the numbers by ethnicity of (1) staff, and (2) owners, of small and medium sized enterprises, by sector, according to the most recent figures.

Reply from Lord Callanan: The Longitudinal Small Business 2020 Survey reported that 5% of SME employers were minority ethnic group led (MEG-led), defined as having a person in sole control of the business or having a management team with at least half of its members from ethnic minority groups.

MEG-led SME employers were more likely in information and communication (9%), accommodation and food (7%) sectors and less likely in primary (0%) and education sectors (1%). Further reported about 4% of businesses with no employees were MEG-led. MEG-led businesses were most likely to be in the transport and storage (7%), information and communications and health (both 6%) sectors, and least likely in primary, education and accommodation and food services sectors (all 1%). Further details can be found on the GOV.UK website. Data for 2021 will be published in August 2022.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-13/hl1723>

The survey referred to above can be read at

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1045859/LSBS_2020_SME_Employers_Final_06012022_updated_January_2022.pdf

Prison Sentences: Ethnic Groups

Lord Bradley (Labour) [HL1677] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many people were serving an Imprisonment for Public Protection sentence with a tariff of 10 years or more in each year, by ethnicity.

Reply from Lord Bellamy: By law, prisoners serving life and other indeterminate sentences must complete their tariff in custody and thereafter be released only when the Parole Board concludes that it is no longer necessary for the protection of the public for them to remain confined to custody. The Government is committed to supporting prisoners to reduce their risk and so progress towards safe release, but the priority is always to protect the public. ...

The following table shows the number of 'unreleased IPP prisoners with a tariff length of 10 years or more, by ethnicity group, as at 30 June 2015 to 30 June 2021.

	30/6/15	30/6/16	30/6/17	30/6/18	30/6/19	30/6/20	30/6/21
Total	94	92	90	87	89	84	76
Asian/ Asian British	6	6	5	5	5	6	6
Black/ African/ Caribbean/ Black British	26	26	25	25	26	26	22
Mixed/ Multiple ethnic groups	5	5	5	5	5	4	3
White	57	55	55	52	53	48	45

Notes for above figures: Figures exclude prisoners recalled from an IPP sentence ...

To read the full answer see

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-12/hl1677>

Prison Sentences

Lord Bradley (Labour) [HL1724] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many people received an Extended Determinate Sentence with a custodial period of 10 years or more in each year since 2012, by ethnicity.

Reply from Lord Bellamy: The data requested is provided in the attached tables. The Ministry of Justice publishes information on Extended Determinate Sentences and custodial sentence length, by ethnicity, in England and Wales, for the years 2017 to 2021 available in the [Outcomes by Offence data tool](#).

[HL1724 Table](#)

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-13/hl1724>

Press Release

Senedd Commission to ensure workforce reflects the diversity of Wales with new intern scheme

<https://senedd.wales/senedd-now/news/senedd-commission-to-ensure-workforce-reflects-the-diversity-of-wales-with-new-intern-scheme/>

New Publication

Going without: deepening poverty in the UK

https://www.jrf.org.uk/sites/default/files/jrf/going_without_-_deepening_poverty_in_the_uk_0.pdf

News

UK Supreme Court to offer paid internship for aspiring lawyers from underrepresented communities for a second year

<https://www.supremecourt.uk/news/supreme-court-to-offer-paid-internship-for-aspiring-lawyers-from-underrepresented-communities-for-a-second-year.html>

Complaints against black and Asian lawyers under review by watchdog

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/business/2022/08/05/complaints-against-black-asian-lawyers-review-watchdog/>

Ethnicity and the heightened risk of very deep poverty

<https://www.jrf.org.uk/blog/ethnicity-and-heightened-risk-very-deep-poverty>

Cost of living: People of colour to be hit hardest by 'unfathomable' poverty

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/cost-of-living-people-colour-unfathomable-poverty-144114652.html>

Obsession with race tells only half a story

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/obsession-with-race-tells-only-half-a-story-f7vm8j3n6>

Community Active Travel Support Service

Research shows that people from these communities are less likely to use active travel to get around their local areas so Sustrans Scotland have launched a new programme, the Community Active Travel Support Service specifically for organisations working in areas of multiple deprivation, or with people who experience inequality such as young people, disabled people, minority ethnic people, and LGBT+ people. For information see

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/projects/2022/uk-wide/community-active-travel-support-service/>

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Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

Scottish Parliament Written Answer

Islamophobia

Foysool Choudhury (Labour) [S6W-09623] To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made towards agreeing terms of reference for its Hate Crime Strategic Partnership Group, and what action it is taking to protect Muslim communities in Scotland from Islamophobic incidents until its new hate crime strategy is in place.

Reply from Christina McKelvie: The Scottish Government is clear that hate crime and prejudice, including Islamophobia, will not be tolerated.

Our new Hate Crime Strategy will set out our priorities for tackling hate crime in Scotland and will support implementation of the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021.

Hate crime legislation sends a message to victims, perpetrators and wider society

that hate crime is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. Once in force the Act will build on and strengthen existing protections, including through the creation of new stirring up of hatred offences that will apply to all listed characteristics, including religion.

The Ministerial led Hate Crime Strategic Partnership Group has been established to take this work forward and brings together a range of public and third sector partners. The Terms of Reference have been agreed and published on the Scottish Government's website: [The Hate Crime Strategic Partnership Group](#).

We continue to engage with Muslim communities across Scotland as we develop the strategy which will consider how we best tackle Islamophobia in Scotland, including whether a definition of Islamophobia would be helpful.

Tackling hate crime remains a priority and we encourage anyone who has experienced or witnessed a hate crime to report it to Police Scotland or through a third party reporting centre.

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/written-questions-and-answers/question?ref=S6W-09623>

UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answers

The following two questions both received the same answer

Pupil Exclusions: Ethnic Groups

Daisy Cooper (Liberal Democrat) [38849] To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps he is taking to tackle the disproportionate rates of school exclusions of black children.

Pupil Exclusions: Racial Discrimination

Daisy Cooper (Liberal Democrat) [38850] To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what support is available for parents to challenge the decision of school governing boards on student exclusions, in the event that parents consider racial discrimination to be a factor.

Reply from Brendan Clarke-Smith: Published in 2019, the Timpson Review of School Exclusions illustrated a complex picture and identified that there is no substantial difference in permanent exclusion rates, when comparing all ethnic minority children as a whole with white British children. However, the department recognises that certain groups of children are more likely to be permanently excluded, although local context means there will be different patterns across the country.

The updated suspension and permanent exclusion guidance, published 13 July 2022, sets out that it is vital that schools, local authorities, and local partners work together to understand what lies behind local trends. Local leaders should use this understanding to plan and put in place additional and targeted action. If they identify any gaps, they should act to ensure those who work with children have the training, services, and support they need to address them.

Under the Equality Act 2010, schools also have a legal duty not to discriminate against pupils. Ofsted's assessment of behaviour in schools includes specific consideration of rates, patterns, and reasons for exclusions, as well as any differences between groups of pupils.

If a parent believes that any form of discrimination has been a factor in their child's exclusion, they can make a claim to the first-tier tribunal in relation to disability, or a county court for other forms of discrimination.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-18/38849>
and

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-18/38850>

The report referred to above can be read at

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/807862/Timpson_review.pdf

New Publications

Changing The Boundaries: Independent Review into Racism in Scottish Cricket

<https://sportscotland.org.uk/media/7801/changing-the-boundaries-independent-review-into-racism-in-scottish-cricket-report.pdf>

Antisemitic Incidents January-June 2022

<https://cst.org.uk/public/data/file/3/b/Incidents%20Report%20Jan-Jun%202022.pdf>

News: Cricket Scotland

Cricket Scotland inquiry hears 448 examples of racism

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-62290554>

Racism 'brushed under carpet', claim former Scotland cricketers

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-62294710>

Cricket Scotland board resigns over racism report

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-62283600>

Changing The Boundaries: Independent review into racism in Scottish Cricket is published

<https://sportfirst.sportscotland.org.uk/articles/changing-the-boundaries/>

Cricket Scotland independent review into racism published

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/20514068.cricket-scotland-independent-review-racism-published/>

Almost 450 examples of Cricket Scotland institutional racism revealed in 'shocking' report

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/people/almost-450-examples-of-cricket-scotland-institutional-racism-revealed-in-shocking-report-3780497>

Scottish cricket racism: Report author 'shocked' by extent of institutional racism in Cricket Scotland

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/people/scottish-cricket-racism-report-author-shocked-by-extent-of-institutional-racism-in-cricket-scotland-3781484>

'Couldn't see racism if it hit them in the face': Lawyer says Cricket Scotland board resignations 'not enough'

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/20440406.couldnt-see-racism-hit-face-lawyer-says-cricket-scotland-board-resignations-not-enough/>

'Devastating': Cricket Scotland faces special measures after racism report

<https://www.theguardian.com/sport/2022/jul/25/cricket-scotland-faces-special-measures-status-after-racism-report>

Lawyers to consider racism claims against 15 people following Cricket Scotland report

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/national/lawyers-to-consider-racism-claims-against-15-people-following-cricket-scotland-report-3787465>

Sport's 'flood' of racism in wake of inquest

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/sports-flood-of-racism-in-wake-of-inquest-0b9ss6wk0>

Scotland's cricket captain vows to eradicate racism from the sport

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/scotland-s-cricket-captain-vows-to-eradicate-racism-from-the-sport-qwvjln6zm>

Silence of Scotland's white players 'deeply shameful' claims lawyer

<https://www.independent.co.uk/sport/cricket/cricket-scotland-scotland-silence-majid-haq-ceo-b2132363.html>

Silence from white Scotland cricketers proves taking knee was 'virtue-signalling', says Majid Haq

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/cricket/2022/07/26/silence-white-scotland-cricketers-proves-taking-knee-virtue/>

White players lack solidarity with team-mates in Cricket Scotland racism row, claims lawyer

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/white-players-lack-solidarity-with-team-mates-in-cricket-scotland-racism-row-claims-lawyer-dhtqzhzg8>

Racism stories 'incredibly difficult' to share - Cricket Scotland review team

<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/uk-scotland-62293469>

Qasim Sheikh on Scotland's cricket racism scandal: 'To know others won't go through this is everything'

<https://www.theguardian.com/sport/2022/jul/30/qasim-sheikh-on-scotlands-cricket-racism-scandal-to-know-others-wont-go-through-this-is-everything>

I don't feel I was treated equally - Cricketer Qasim Sheikh

<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/uk-scotland-62296388>

Qasim Sheikh: I was made to feel like a servant by Cricket Scotland, as if I was the water boy

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/qasim-sheikh-i-was-made-to-feel-like-a-servant-by-cricket-scotland-as-if-i-was-the-water-boy-2l0rncj82>

Why racism verdict leaves Scottish cricket's reputation in tatters — and what happens next

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/why-racism-verdict-leaves-scottish-cricket-s-reputation-in-tatters-and-what-happens-next-xjtrk2j2r>

Racism in Scottish cricket: Forget the platitudes, it's time for action not words

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/racism-in-scottish-cricket-forget-the-platitudes-its-time-for-action-not-words-2lz92nw7s>

News: Other Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

'Kick in the teeth': Black Labour MPs condemn party's response to report uncovering 'racism'

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/labour-forde-racism-butler-starmer-b2131591.html>

Diane Abbott urges Starmer to act over racism in Labour party

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2022/jul/26/diane-abbott-urges-starmer-to-act-over-racism-in-labour-party>

John McDonnell: Labour treatment of Jewish group brutal

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-62319342>

Met denies racism after black man 'choked' in illegal stop and search

<https://www.theguardian.com/law/2022/aug/06/met-denies-racism-after-black-man-choked-in-stop-and-search>

Covid: How racism made the pandemic worse for Black and ethnic minority communities

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/opinion/columnists/covid-how-racism-made-the-pandemic-worse-for-black-and-ethnic-minority-communities-dr-gwenetta-curry-3784088>

Antisemitic Incident Report January-June 2022

<https://cst.org.uk/news/blog/2022/08/04/antisemitic-incidents-report-january-june-2022>

Anas Sarwar: Fight against racism falls to all of us, not just the victims

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/anas-sarwar-fight-against-racism-27624362>

What's in a name? For a person of colour, a lot

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/baby-names-islamophobia-racism-muslim-b2134642.html>

Victims of racism more likely to suffer poorer brain function and memory loss in later life, study suggests

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/health/racism-memory-loss-victims-b2136349.html>

Uber Eats sued over 'racist' facial recognition checks

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/uber-eats-sued-over-racist-facial-recognition-checks-5ck72nq2w>

Conditional Whiteness of Gypsies, Roma and Travellers

<https://www.runnymedetrust.org/blog/conditional-whiteness-of-gypsies-roma-and-travellers>

Teenager sentenced over attack on rabbi who was struck with a brick

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/teenager-jewish-cps-chigwell-london-b2139105.html>

Stamford Hill attacks on Jews were racially motivated, CPS admits, as charges changed

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2022/08/05/stamford-hill-attacks-jews-racially-motivated-cps-admits-charges/>

Diversity officer guilty of racism after telling colleague 'you must have been oppressed'

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2022/08/02/diversity-officer-guilty-racism-telling-colleague-must-have/>

The collapse of the 'diversity' industry can't come soon enough

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2022/08/03/collapse-diversity-industry-cant-come-soon/>

'I was chased by skinheads when I arrived in Leicester'

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-leicestershire-62306155>

BBC hit with ‘racism’ complaints over comments on England’s all-white Lionesses
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2022/07/26/bbc-hit-racism-complaints-comments-englands-all-white-lionesses/>

Investigation opened into alleged racist abuse of Bradford City players during Chesterfield friendly
<https://www.independent.co.uk/sport/football/bradford-chesterfield-racist-abuse-derbyshire-police-b2130153.html>

Former Yorkshire coach Andrew Gale charged by ECB over anti-Semitic tweet
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/cricket/2022/08/05/former-yorkshire-coach-andrew-gale-charged-ecb-anti-semitic/>

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Other UK Parliament and Government

UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answer

Medical Records: Ethnic Groups

Feryal Clark (Labour) [37618] To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps his Department is taking to improve ethnic coding in health records.

Reply from Gillian Keegan: The National Health Service Data Model and Dictionary reflects the latest approved Information Standard for the data submission of ethnicity categories in the NHS, using the Office for National Statistics’ 2001 categories. The content of these categories is updated when the Information Standards are amended.

The NHS Data Model and Dictionary Service has contributed to a project to update these Standards. The project is currently finalising a report supporting the development of a ‘Unified Information Standard for Protected Characteristics’. This project is considering the update to the 2001 ethnicity categories and other protected characteristics described in the Equality Act 2010.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-07-15/37618>

New Publication

Forced Marriage Unit statistics 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/forced-marriage-unit-statistics-2021/forced-marriage-unit-statistics-2021>

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Other News

Individual one-to-one sessions to boost your fundraising

<https://www.inspiringscotland.org.uk/news/individual-one-to-one-sessions-to-boost-your-fundraising/>

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Bills in Progress ** new or updated this week

Scottish Parliament

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills/gender-recognition-reform-scotland-bill>

UK Parliament

Asylum Seekers (Accommodation Eviction Procedures) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3257>

Asylum Seekers (Permission to Work) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3263>

Asylum Seekers (Permission to Work) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3304>

Bill of Rights Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3227>

Housing Standards (Refugees and Asylum Seekers) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3264>

Human Trafficking (Child Protection) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3248>

Human Trafficking (Sentencing) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3249>

Illegal Immigration (Offences) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3282>

Online Safety Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3137>

Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3164>

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Consultations ** new or updated this week

Scotland's Census (closing date 24 August 2022)

https://yourviews.parliament.scot/ceeac/scotlandscensus/consult_view/

Clandestine Entrant Civil Penalty Scheme (closing date 12 September 2022)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/clandestine-entrant-civil-penalty-scheme>

Family migration (closing date 15 September 2022)
<https://committees.parliament.uk/call-for-evidence/2706/>

Equality Evidence Strategy 2023-25 (closing date 23 September 2022)
<https://tinyurl.com/mpunv6cw>

Race & Inclusion in Art Education (closing date 31 October 2022)
https://assets.website-files.com/61488e50132da098d2dd729b/62c6bf3339659acfccfb61c2_Visualise-Race%20and%20Inclusion%20in%20Art%20Education.pdf

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Job Opportunities

[Click here](#) to find out about job opportunities.

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Funding Opportunities

** new or updated this week

**** closes this week!**

CashBack for Communities

Closing date for applications: 12 August 2022

Scottish Government funding focusing on young people at risk of entering the criminal justice system and the communities most affected by crime. Funded projects will support young people most at risk of being involved in antisocial behaviour offending or reoffending; provide person-centred support for young people, parents and families impacted by Adverse Childhood Experiences and trauma; support young people to improve their health, mental health and wellbeing; and support people, families and communities most affected by crime. For information and to apply see

<https://cashbackforcommunities.org/phase6/>

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Events, Conferences, and Training

** new or updated this week

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Dandelion Festival

continues until September 2022 (Scotland-wide – various locations)

Dandelion, a creative celebration of growing, music, and community, is holding a wide range of free events across the country throughout the summer. For information see bemis.org.uk/dandelion-events and <https://dandelion.scot/whats-on/>

**** this week!**

End of Life Choices – Personal is political

11 August 2022 (Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh, 10.30–12.00)

Scottish Parliament Festival of Politics panel discussion about end-of-life choices, ethics, morals and the role of the media in the personal politics of social change. For information see <https://www.festivalofpolitics.scot/events/end-of-life-choices>

**** this week!**

Interpreting culture – improving cross-cultural communication

11 August 2022 (online, 11.00–1.00)

Interfaith Scotland course on cultural diversity. Our cultural background has a profound influence on each of us. It shapes our behaviour, values and beliefs. It even affects our thought processes and how we perceive the world. This course will explore how culture forms a lens through which we interpret each other's behaviour and learn how to improve our inter-cultural communication. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/yckbt9hs> or contact Jamie Spurway jamie@interfaithscotland.org

**** this week and next week!**

Refuge at Edinburgh International Festival

12 to 27 August 2022

Seventy-five years after Rudolf Bing, himself a refugee, co-founded the Edinburgh International Festival, Refuge, in collaboration with Scottish Refugee Council is a season of contemporary theatre, dance, visual art, film and conversation, exploring themes of refugeehood, migration, identity and inclusion. For information see <https://www.eif.co.uk/profile/refuge>

**** this week!**

Twenty-first Century Migration and Asylum Policies

12 August 2022 (Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh, 10.30–12.00)

Scottish Parliament Festival of Politics panel discussion about challenging the negative rhetoric about asylum seekers and migrants. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/339cnhfc>

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Scotland, racism and the legacy of a transatlantic slavery trade

12 August 2022 (Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh, 4.15–5.30)

Scottish Parliament Festival of Politics panel discussion about the relationship between the industrial revolution and the wealth accumulated through Scotland's role in the transatlantic slavery trade makes for uncomfortable exploration. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/2ur7n6uz>

**** next week!**

Promoting an Anti-Racist Culture in your Organisations

18 August 2022 (online, 11.00–12.30)

CEMVO Scotland session to explore and develop tools for change through understanding and implementing anti-racist practices within the workplace. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/yy4vcard>

Refugees: Asylum and Resettlement

6 and 7 September 2022 (online, 11.30–3.30 both days)

27 and 28 October 2022 (online, 11.30–3.30 both days)

Scottish Refugee Council 2-day course drawing on the experiences of people seeking asylum and people who have been resettled in the UK, to examine why people might need to flee their own country, how they seek asylum in the UK, and what opportunities exist for rebuilding their lives here in the UK. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/jd2tey6w>

Our lives are ruled by the stories we tell ourselves – how interpretation shapes interaction

13 September 2022 (online, 10.00–12.00)

Interfaith Scotland course exploring the impact of our inner narratives – our meaning-

making – on interactions and relationships. Participants will consider ways to become more aware of readings as they form, and more cautious about their accuracy, and will also discuss tools for more authentic conversations. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/m63kxvrm> or contact Jamie Spurway jamie@interfaithscotland.org

Working with Interpreters

27 and 28 September 2022 (online, 1.00–4.30 both days)

24 and 25 November 2022 (online, 1.00–4.30 both days)

Scottish Refugee Council 2-day courses to enable participants to understand the legal context and qualifications governing interpreters in the EU, UK and Scotland, know the different types of interpreting, identify the differences between an interpreter and a bilingual support worker, and who to use when, and recognise when it is inappropriate to use a family member, a friend or a community member to interpret. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/puykxxnu>

Supporting Refugee Integration

11 and 12 October 2022 (online, 1.00–4.30 both days)

15 and 16 December 2022 (online, 1.00–4.30 both days)

Scottish Refugee Council 2-day course to enable participants to understand the principles of a refugee-led integration framework, understand how dependency is created and how to build on people's resilience, and feel confident to facilitate refugee-led integration effectively. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/ukvn5rs5>

Introduction to Working with Religious Diversity

26 October 2022 (online, 10.30–12.30)

Interfaith Scotland short course where delegates will improve their confidence in discussing and responding to the religion and belief of those they work with. The course will explore guiding principles behind working with religion and belief diversity, and take a closer look at the core beliefs and cultural practices of Islam, Sikhism and Judaism. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/2p88vnps> or contact Jamie Spurway jamie@interfaithscotland.org

Working with Unaccompanied Refugee Children

10 and 11 November 2022 (online, 11.30–3.30 both days)

Scottish Refugee Council 2-day course to enable participants to recognise the legal difference between children seeking asylum, children who have been trafficked, refugees and migrants, appreciate the journeys that children have made to be in the UK including being trafficked, understand the Age Assessment process, identify the rights and entitlements of separated children, and become familiar with the statutory responsibilities of the Scottish Guardianship Service. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/3fedr5xn>

Intention versus impact – exploring challenges around group labels and unintended offence

6 December 2022 (online, 1.30–3.30)

Interfaith Scotland short course exploring the language used to describe groups of people, particularly in relation to Protected Characteristics like race, disability, religion and belief. The course will also consider how we can respond to unintended interpretations, confusion or offence by exploring the difference between the speaker's intention and the impact on the listener. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/k9hz52pk> or contact Jamie Spurway jamie@interfaithscotland.org

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Useful Links

Scottish Parliament <http://www.parliament.scot/>

Scottish Government <https://www.gov.scot/>

UK Parliament <http://www.parliament.uk/>

GovUK (links to UK Government Departments) <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations>

One Scotland <http://onescotland.org/>

Scottish Refugee Council <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk>

Refugee Survival Trust <https://www.rst.org.uk/>

Freedom from Torture <https://www.freedomfromtorture.org/>

Interfaith Scotland <https://interfaithscotland.org/>

Equality and Human Rights Commission <https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en>

Equality Advisory Support Service <http://www.equalityadvisoryservice.com/>

Scottish Human Rights Commission <http://www.scottishhumanrights.com/>

ACAS <http://www.acas.org.uk/>

SCVO <https://scvo.org.uk/>

Volunteer Scotland <https://www.volunteerscotland.net/>

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) <https://www.oscr.org.uk/>

Scottish Fundraising Standards Panel <https://www.goodfundraising.scot/>

Disclosure Scotland <https://www.mygov.scot/disclosure-types>

Volunteer Scotland Disclosure Services

<https://www.volunteerscotland.net/for-organisations/disclosure-services/>

BBC News <https://www.bbc.com/news>

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SCoJeC
Scottish Council of
Jewish Communities

Representing, connecting, and supporting Jewish people in Scotland



The **Scottish Council of Jewish Communities (SCoJeC)** is the representative body of all the Jewish communities in Scotland. It advances public understanding about the Jewish religion, culture and community, and also works in partnership with other organisations to promote good relations and understanding among community groups and to promote equality. (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC029438) <https://www.scojec.org/>

BEMIS

Empowering Scotland's Ethnic and
Cultural Minority Communities

BEMIS is the Scottish national Ethnic Minorities led umbrella body, supporting, empowering, and building the capacity of minority third sector community organisations. As a strategic partner with Government, it is proactive in influencing the development of race equality policy in Scotland, and helps develop and progress multicultural Scotland, active citizenship, democracy, and Human Rights Education at the Scottish, UK, and European levels. (Scottish Charity, no. SC027692) <http://www.bemis.org.uk/>



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The **Scottish Government** is committed to promoting equality of opportunity and social justice for all those who live in Scotland. **One Scotland** is the Scottish Government campaign designed to tackle racism. It aims to raise awareness of racist attitudes, highlight its negative impact and recognise the valuable contributions that other cultures have made to our society – and make Scotland no place for racism. <http://www.gov.scot/>

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